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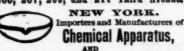
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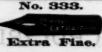
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The Editors take wo weeks each year for a vacation, therefore there will be no issues of the JOURNAL on July 20-27. The next issue will be August 3.

Readers will note the many valuable articles in this number; a careful, condensed Report of the Meeting of the State Association, with opinions thereon, together with much material that can be employed by the teacher in his schoolroom.

"EN days ago a large party of teachers left this port on the steamer City of Rome, bound for Europe, where they are to spend the vacation. On Monday last two other large parties of teachers, one of them from Cincinnati, and the other from New England, left here on the Suevia. Still another large party of school teachers from North Carolina sailed on Saturday on the State of Nevada, and another party of them went on the Wisconsin on

"times are changing." We hope these good brethren and sisters will have a good time.

PERHAPS the most encouraging thing that has taken place in many a day is the effort to stop two bullies from pounding each other. While a part of our population are trying to cultivate and refine, another part are trying to demoralize and retrogade. These bullies could not find a state that will allow them room! Good. They thought they could fight in Mississippi, but Gov. Lowry offers \$1,000 reward for their capture, if they fight in Mississippi, Good! Good!

SUPT. DRAPER does not fear to take the ground that the cities should not grant licenses to teach; he is right. As well might each city set up the claim to judge of the fitness of a physician; one would demand a knowledge of one kind, and another of another. The true plan is for normal schools to prepare teachers and license them; as there will not be enough teachers graduated from these schools, let the state examine and license candidates; the cities would then select from these. The present plan is not a good one.

THE meeting of the National Association at Nash ville will draw together a good many teachers. The great question there to be considered is that just disposed of at Brooklyn-manual training. Dr. Marble, the president, is an opponent, but not near so much as he once was; yet he is a fair man, just to friend and foe. How much will be said there that will be of no use! "And the flood came and drowned them all." So of the opponents of manual training: how they begin to hedge already!

The National Association would do a wise thing to follow the example of the New York State Asso ciation-that is, fix on a permanent place for the annual meeting. It will not do this for some years, but it will finally do it, mark the words. Those who seek its best interests should counsel this change.

THOSE who visited the Pratt Institute during the past week, and the number is large, must have come to the conclusion that the statement made by Supt. MacAlister, that "a new education is upon us," is true. That immense building with its school-rooms, its museum, its library, its workshops stood as an object lesson before the teachers; it said, "Look at me. I am here by the desire of a man who had a hard struggle with the pressures that life thrust upon him; here to tell you that my friend was educated not by books, but by labor. It is his wish that the young may have the education he had, without the struggle he had."

It is very significant that so much of the money that is being left by will for educational purposes is to be employed in teaching some forms of DOING. The president of Girard College speaks of this as a significant fact-namely, that since that college has adopted manual training, numerous inquiries are made as to the proper plan for such a college, whereas few or none were made before.

All honor to men like Peter Cooper, Charles Pratt, and Isaac Williamson; they build better than they knew.

A SUBSCRIBER in Jamestown, New York, asks us why we do not attack the action of the school board of that town which forbids women teachers to marry. She thinks it is outrageous that a man may marry and go on teaching, but that a woman must resign at once. We do not feel like attacking this rule, though it is in force in a few cities -New York, for example. On the whole it is a good Tuesday last. There will be more than a thousand rule enough. If a woman marries, her husband should men and women teachers that will make European support her. One member of the New York board Story.

tours this year. And this is another indication that of education says that "if a woman marries she should give her place at the public crib to another woman." This seems to us very bad logic; it would make the teacher a feeder at a crib instead of a laborer giving an equivalent for her stipend. We think that a married woman may teach as well as a single one; we know of one who teaches better than any single woman we know; but cannot say it is because she is married. We think that marriage tends to turn a woman's mind from the serious duties of the school, and so approve of the rule, though confessing it looks hard.

> THE state of New York has at last an educational policy. Grand as the state is, its educational policy hitherto has resembled the progress of a flat-boat on the Mississippi river. Now pushed by the current, it seems ready to land high and dry on the east shore. All hands run out with poles; there is much shouting and the course is changed. By and by the boat seems sure to plant itself on the other side, but it is poled off, and on she goes. The election of Supt. Draper brought in a man who works with a plan. Here are some of the changes that have been wrought by legislation during the year:

> 1. The school year is extended to 32 weeks. It vas formerly 28 weeks.

> 2. The school meeting is to be in the second week of August; it used to be late in August, and once was held late in the fall.

> 3. The teacher must be hired for four months; once he could be turned off in a week.

> 4. The teachers' classes are to be superintended by the right man-the superintendent of schools.

> 5. The normal schools are to take in no one who does not hold a second grade certificate.

> 6. The libraries are under the charge of the state librarian.

If the teachers' classes in every county are expanded into county normal schools, where training in the art of teaching is given and second and first grade certificates are obtained, the rural schools will get some benefit of the state's money. As it is the normal schools expend a large sum in turning out a few men who go into the town or city schools. We think a great future is before these county normal classes. All these changes show that the time is not far distant, when we shall have professional teaching in New York state. It will take more than ten years, but it is sure to come. We mean by this that every teacher will be required to hold a professional certificate of fitness.

BESIDES learning unsurpassed in his profession, he displayed other qualities not less important in the character of a teacher-goodness, benevolence, and a willingness to teach. Only a good man can be a teacher, only a benevolent man, only a man willing to teach. He was filled with a desire to teach. He sought to mingle his mind with that of his pupil. He held it a blessed office to pour into the souls of the young, as into celestial urns, the fruitful water of knowledge. He well knew that the knowledge imparted is trivial compared with that awakening of the soul under the influence of which the pupil himself becomes a teacher. All of knowledge we can communicate, is finite; a few pages, a few chapters, a few volumes, will embrace But such an influence is of incalculable power; it is the breath of a new life; it is another soul. In Story, the spirit spake, not with the voice of an earthly calling, but with the gentleness and selfforgetful earnestness of one who was pleading in behalf of justice, of knowledge, of human happiness. His well-loved pupils hung upon his lips, and as they left his presence, confessed a more exalted reverence for virtue, and warmer love of knowledge for its own sake."-CHARLES SUMNER ON JUSTICE DURING the summer the ponds, rivers, and damp places are teeming with animal life. With a small microscope, a few knives, and a little, simple apparatus, the bugs, worms, and small fishes may be studied. There is a world of interest connected with the evolution of a mosquito. A common house fly is not an insignificant animal, by any means, and it is very profitable to dissect a bee. Do our readers know whether an angleworm has eyes, er not? How many eyes has a common house fly? How many a mosquito? How many a honey bee? Animals are all ready waiting to be studied. What a fund of information the intelligent teacher can pick up, during the two months of her vacation, that will give her teaching great interest during the other ten months of the year!

SUMMER is the time for botany. We are acquainted with two teachers who have walked the length of Long Island, two or three times, hunting for new plants, and one of them is now about seventy. Vigorous, healthy, a grand success he is as a teacher. He says he owes his strength and intellect to the habit of out-door exercise on every available occasion. Frequently during this summer he has walked twenty miles, after school, in search of new plants, and this vacation he is going through the mountains of Virginia searching for rare forms of vegetable life. When he talks on betany his pupils listen, for he always tells them something worth hearing, and shows them something that makes their eyes sparkle; withal he possesses a fund of incidents and always pleases the boys when he tells one of them.

In vacation is a good time to study geography. Small brooks are miniature great rivers; a pond is a lake, and a lake an ocean in epitome. All the great physical forces of nature may be studied during vacation while wandering by brooks, climbing hills, or exploring the recesses of the forest. Geography is one of the sciences of nature, and the teacher who becomes most intimate with nature, in all her forms, will know better how to teach geography.

And then the rocks! Oh, the rocks! What magnificent specimens can be picked up everywhere! We met a teacher a few years ago who had taught twenty years in the country and could not tell a piece of granite from a piece of limestone. She said, "All rocks lock the same to me." Poor teacher! we said nothing, but pitied her ignorance, but we dropped a silent tear over the lost good she might have done had she known more of the rocky ribs of this old earth.

VACATION is no time for thinking over past failures. Think of future successes. The past is gone; let it go, the grand, hopeful, joyous, successful future is before us.

WE have known teachers who have returned to their schools worse in the fall because they had eaten too much, but we never knew one to return worse in September than in July because he had slept too much. Sleep, balmy sleep, is nature's great restorer, and he who can sleep well and eat well, but not too much, and bathe well, and be happy and active, will always grow well. This is good advice, for which we charge our readers nothing extra.

WE have one educational exchange that tells "When to cut hay;" another has an article on "Salt for cows." These are for teachers that own farms; there are such, but we do not know them.

JACKSON, MICH, is to have a manual training school

THE legislature of Indiana has provided for kindergartens.

THE Man Wonderful manikin and the Unique pencil sharpener have been adopted in Oswego, N. Y.

WE are glad the editor of the N. C. School Teacher appreciates an article he clips from the School Journal, but why did he not give due credit? He credits it to "Journal;" that is not enough; credit all things taken from us rightly and justly.

MR. EDWARD L. KELLOGG, son of Amos M. Kellogg, editor of the School Journal, and one of the firm of E. L. Kellogg & Co., left on Tuesday last for a short trip to Europe. He richly deserves a vacation.

### A WORTHY SCHOOL.

An excellent instance of educational growth is found in the history of the Millersville, Pa., state normal school. From small beginnings, more than thirty years ago it stands among the best of the normal schools of Pennsylvania in popularity, influence, and efficiency. The limited accommodations of that early period have gradually expanded until now the buildings in their extent and adaptability rival those of the most favored educational establishments in the state. Improvements continue to be made as necessity compels or propriety suggests, until the school finds itself admirably adapted to fulfil all the purposes of its creation. The few teachers of 1856 have been multiplying themselves until they now number a family of thirty-two professors. tutors, and instructors teaching every branch which the average, public school instructor is likely to encounter in the course of his professional life. Dr. Lyte, the principal, has proved himself capable, active, and progressive, a worthy successor of the able men who have preceded him. Great stress is laid upon the work of the model school, which, in every sense, seems worthy of its name. It is the place where the education of the child and of the teacher that is to be is begun. It is thoroughly equipped in all its departments, and is doing most excellent work, as must be apparent to any one who does himself the pleasure to investigate its methods

Recently a department of manual training has been organized, and although working in wood is the only craft thus far introduced, excellent results have already been attained. A professor in the regular faculty who in early life acquired the joiner's art gives the pupils the necessary instructions, and when the room is opened for work an eager class is always there. A large variety of very creditable work done by these amateurs is to be seen, and to the credit of the girls, be it said, their work is fully up to that turned out by the coming lords of creation. This training-room is a great success. It is more a place of recreation than of work, and fittingly supplements the more intellectual labors of the school. Milersville has been, and still is, a potent factor in shaping the educational thought and action of the whole Keystone state.

ONE of the easiest things to do is to praise the condition of the schools. There is not a single town but has the best "schools in the world." We have urged the opinion that really education was in quite a crude condition. We note in a paper that Connecticut has always held the place of superiority, and that as the school fund is nov raised to two and a quarter millions, why, it will be still more superior. And that it has "a system that deserves to be studied everywhere." This is said with careless ease. But whether a state is doing well or not, educa-tionally, is not so easily determined. It is our opinion that there are hopes for the schools when men and women of real talent are at work in them; and they do not depend on the school fund. What is the case in New York, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania? Why, young boys and girls are doing a good part of the teaching. It is not done by men and women who have made a study of the work. Let us wait a while before we praise indiscriminately.

THE last legislature passed a law which forbids the the selling or giving away of spiritous liquors or cigars cigarettes, or tobacco, to any minor under sixteen, or even apparently under that age, or the receiving of goods from such minor in pawn. The law makes the violator guilty of misdemeanor. It is aimed not only at the dealers, but at all who may pay for or furnish tobacco to be used by any child under sixteen. The young smokers of cigarettes are found in the greatest numbers in tenement house districts. The most ignorant smoke the most. Parents, employers, or others have been accustomed to send small boys or girls to buy beer, cigars, or tobacco, or to pawn goods; this is stopped by this law. It also forbids pawnbrokers from having dealings with children under 16. This shows that the value of the CHILD is steadily growing in the public estimation. It is another way of saying that the eacher's work is more highly prized than it once was

HARD book facts cannot be compared with the sympathetic teaching of nature. There is beauty everywhere in nature, and it is always ready to be absorbed,

A young teacher in Ohio writes to ask if we would mend him to attend a normal school. We understand he aims at professional preparation, and so we say to him, "most assuredly." But very much will depend on what normal school you attend. There are normal schools that will merely grind you in reading, spelling, geography, grammar, algebra, etc. You will come out of one of these as you would out of a high school; no better, and worse, because you will have been misled. If you think to find a normal school that will make you an educator, you will have to look around a great deal. We have on our tables the programs of closing exercises in about fifty such schools, and we note the young men and women discuss in their essays such themes as "Joan of Arc," "The Lost Pleiad," to grow old gracefully," etc. Now and then one discusses the practical themes of teaching. Yes, go to a normal school, a real, bona fide, normal school. "All is not gold that glitters.'

Practical arithmetic may be studied during vacation. It is real fun for two teachers to calculate the area of a field, or measure the height of a tall tree by triangulation, or work out the number of tons of hay in a barn, or the number of hills in a field of corn. Some teachers will say on reading this, "O this is terrible, you wouldn't expect a tired teacher to work out such problems as these?" It depends altogether on how we look at it. If arithmetic is drudgery outside of the school-room, what must it be inside?

SUMMER is the time to keep one's eyes open. How many things can be seen, if we only know how to look. A short ocean voyage is full of incidents to an observing person; a ride of fifty miles through the country contains volumes of narrative, incident, story, adventure, if one only knows how to take it.

ALL roads led to Rome in ancient times; and all roads of the teacher in vacation lead to the school-room in September.

WE pity, from the inmost recesses of our heart, with an indescribable pity, and a terrible commiseration, the teacher who says, "I do not intend to think of school or books until September." Does the doctor say that during his vacation? No. Does the minister say that during his vacation? No. Does the lawyer say that during his vacation? No. The teacher is no less a teacher during vacation, than during term time. Simple, natural ways are the best, both when school keeps and when it does not, and the teacher who shows by mannerisms, and her walk and conversation, that she is a cut and dried teacher, has the elements of failure, not success. One of the most successful teachers in the state of New York when away from home during his summer vaca tion is always taken for a "drummer," but two minutes' conversation with him reveals the fact that he is a teacher and not much of a drummer. He doesn't put on airs, but is always ready to talk about school affairs.

COMPANIONS are of two kinds—genial and uncongenial. It is well during vacation to let the uncongenial alone. This is good advice. Associate with those you like, and let those you do not like alone.

In Plainfield, New Jersey, F. X. Schoonmaker, member of the state board of education, at the high school exercises attacked the parochial schools, as a menace to the public school system, and to the government; he asserted that the Catholic priests of the country were forced by the Pope, most of them against their will, to establish parochial schools, and announced that the state board of education proposed to ask the next legislature to submit to the people an amendment to the constitution forbidding the establishment of any system of schools taking away from the public schools any pupil who, but for the existence of the new schools, would attend the public schools.

[The Catholics establish the parochial schools, pay the teachers, and have the right to send their children to them. Mr. S.'s plan is like the efforts once made in England to make everybody go to the Established Church. It won't work.—EDS.]

Hor weather should stimulate, not stultify the mind.

Now is the time to find books in brooks, sermons in stones, and *pedagogics* in everything.

IF a tree cannot teach, nothing can,

### The New York State Teachers' Association.

### FORTY-FOURTH MEETING.

### TUESDAY MORNING.

The forty-fourth annual meeting was begun in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, July 2, at 9:30 A. M.

PRESIDENT E. H. COOK addressed the association referring to needful changes in the constitution.

PRINCIPAL GALLAGHER moved that all amendments b referred to the committee on resolutions.

PROF. O. ROOT proposed two changes in the constitution.

GEO. E. HARDY read a paper on

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY A FACTOR IN EDUCATION.

"No greater source of good, no more important factor in the whole educational machinery of our school system, outside of the teacher himself, exists than a judiciously selected and widely used school library. Children are capable of enjoying good books at much earlier ages than most people suspect, and the chances of forming in the young a taste for good literature are much better than at a later period. In the series of articles entitled 'Books that have Helped me,' published in the Forum about a year ago, I remarked that the helpful books were those that were read chiefly in youth, certainly before middle age, the reason undoubtedly being that the young have more time to read and reflect, and lasting impressions from books are more apt to be formed then than later in life. In your collection of books, remember that it is important to guard against not only those books that mislead the conscience and studiously present ideas that are fundamentally false, but also against those that merely interest and consume time, but neither elevate the taste nor brighten life."

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It was discussed by H. M. Lovell, of Elmira, S. A. Ellis, of Rochester, and Amos M. Kellogg, of New York. The last gentleman stated that in 1880 he brought the subject of "Good Reading for Children" before the clergy, and a large number preached on it; they will be found ready to aid.

MISS J. ETTA CRANE, of the Potsdam normal school read a paper, entitled

### THE VALUE OF MUSIC IN EDUCATION.

"I claim that an element which helps to make the school-room a pleasant, cheerful place, which lifts the thoughts above evil things, which makes obedience a pleasure, and creates a love for the good, the true, and the beautiful, assists in the moral training of the young. the beautiful, assists in the moral training of the young. That music does this, none deny. Did you ever see a room full of children as they joined in singing a song they thoroughly enjoyed? If you have, there remains no doubt in your mind as to whether or not those children were made happy by their music.

"Good music arouses a spirit of good will, creates a harmonious atmosphere, and where harmony and good will prevail, the disobedient, unruly spirit finds no resting place."

PROFESSOR F. H. DAMROSCH, of New York, opened the discussion on the paper.

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"Were music given its true place in education, infidels, in the sense of believers in nothing, would soon cease to exist, for the belief in this glorious trinity in which rhythm stands for union and strength, harmony for truth and purity, and melody for beauty and love, a belief in these would soon inspire a firm belief in all that is noblest, best, and highest, in the ideal, in the divune. School singing, as a rule, is nothing more than a barbarous screaming and shouting of so-called 'school songs,' or of patriotic songs, learned by imitating either the harsh-toned, rattling school piano, or, in the best case, a teacher who, however earnest, able, and willing she may be, must still succumb to the inevitable effect upon her voice of much and loud talking in the class room. This and some theoretical instruction in the definitions of musical terms is surely not the way to teach music, and yet that is about all that has been attempted and accomplished. The essence of music, the power to express our highest and best thoughts—such as elude all possible expression in mere speech—in soaring song; these are things that have not been taught, nay, have hardly been thought of."

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"It was easier for the average teacher to teach music than he imagined. It was often said that it was impossible for a person to teach what he did not know, but there were a great many who could not teach what they did know. He believed in all the musical culture the teachers could get, but did not consider it necessary for a teacher to be thoroughly educated in the art to teach it. They would progress as rapidly as the scholars. He was in favor of encouraging the teaching of music in all the public schools." the public schools.

Professor Norton, of Oswego, held that music developed a wonderful spirit of harmony between teacher and

PRESIDENT COOK then announced the following com mittees:

on-W. A. Campbell, W. E. Stearns, Prin. J. W. A. Haldwin, M. R. McDonald , G. Fuller. Election

Finance-Supt. S. A. Ellis, George M. Carman, W. H.

Record—C. W. Bardeen, H. R. Sanford, Mary J. Mil-ler, Clara Russell, Supt. C. E. Groton.

Resolutions-John Gallagher, C. H. Verrill, A. M. Kellogg, A. J. McMullen, E. C. Hanaway.

To appoint Executive Committee-Prof. Root, L. C. Foster, Prof. H. M. Lovell, F. S. Capen, J. H. Stout, Fred E. Payne.

SUPT. WILLIAM H. MAXWELL then read a paper on

### CRITICAL READING.

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"I fully agree with Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, when he says: 'If one might wish for impossibilities, I might then wish that my children might be well versed in physical science, but in due subordination to the fulness and freshness of their knowledge on moral subjects. This, however, I believe cannot be; wherefore, rather than have it the principal thing in my son's mind, I would gladly have him think that the sun went round the earth, and that the stars were so many spangles set in the bright blue firmament."

"Fortunately for us we live in an age when it is no longer necessary to sacrifice physical science, or even manual training, in order that knowledge on moral subjects may be both full and free. It is because this fulness and freshness of knowledge on moral subjects is to be found chiefly in literature, as well as for many other good and sufficient reasons, that I would to-day plead before you for critical reading. Supposing a selection to be made, three readings to follow, the first a general one, the last a critical one. 'The old order changeth, yielding place to new.' We of the public schools, forgetting, perhaps, how sharp and strong the blade, how brightly jeweled the hilt, have strongly wheeled and thrown our Excalibur, the ancient classics, into the mere. But a new blade as fine in temper, as rich in jewels, the literature of our English speech, lies ready to our hand. With such a weapon, if we have but patience, and strive after skill, we may attack the hosts of ignorance, dulness, and vice, and never fear for victory."

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In the afternoon an excursion on the Sirius on the East river took place. It was enjoyed in spite of the rain. A collation was served on the boat.

In the evening Mr. Charles Pratt invited the teachers to visit Pratt Institute, which he had founded.

On the assembling of the association Mayor Chapir took the chair, and introduced J. C. Hendrix, president board of education of Brooklyn. He welcomed the teachers to Brooklyn.

PRESIDENT COOK responded to this very felicitously. DR. FRANCIS L. PATTON, president of Princeton Colege, gave a brilliant if not practical address

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"One of the great elements in education is heredity, and it must be considered; environment must also be regarded in the training of children. Under these limiting conditions the work of education must be done. We can only teach what has already been incorporated in the great body of knowledge. Education is the process of showing the true relation of subjects and objects, ideas and facts, conceptions and perceptions. Our business is to bring about the best possible relation between the mind of the child and the information we present to him. The object of education is not to fill a boy with facts, but to make him a man in the largest sense, and man's work on this planet is the proper study to accomplish this."

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After the opening exercises Prof. James M. Milne nominated Walter B. Gunnison for president. This was seconded by Messrs. Root and Maxwell. Other nominaions were made. (See officers elected for '89-'90.)

The first paper read was by MISS CAROLINE T. HAVEN. of the Felix Adler School for Workingmen, in this city. It was entitled "The Kindergarten as Related to Primary

Work."

"By reason of indefiniteness in the expression of its principles, as well as by a general inefficiency in its practices, the kindergarten has borne a poor reputation among parents and teachers as an educational factor; a reputation which it is even now hard to overcome. Evidences are not wanting which prove that the kindergarten is being placed on a more scientific basis, a basis which entitles it to the consideration of all educators. The establishment in our large cities of numbers of free kindergartens has contributed a general broadening of its ideas, and has greatly extended its influence. The kindergartens have already become, and in time must more largely be, the feeders of the primary schoole, and in this way the kindergartner and the primary teacher will of necessity need to understand each other's work. Too long have they been separated, the kindergartner working as if there were no school to follow, and the teacher often ignoring the whole earlier training of the child. The primary school has also been seeking more rational methods of instruction, and has already adapted many of the materials and methods of the kindergarten to its regular work."

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observe, to discover, to think, and then to express his thought by marking and by graphic and verbal language. To teach drawing in the public schools upon any other basis is a thing to be seriously questioned. All our education should be with this one thing ever in mind. To have a set of books finished as draughtamen would finish them is no evidence of successful work on the part of the teacher, rightfully considered; thought first and then skill. Learning to draw is learning to see. There are comparatively few people who really see much; we simply look at things. I question whether you could describe the commonest objects about your homes with any degree of accuracy. If you have never taught drawing to classes of adults, you would be exceedingly surprised to realize how little the average person sees.

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"Begin early with the children and lead them to see objects in various positions; lead them to describe and to draw the facts, and to model the forms in clay; lead them to place the object in different positions, and draw the appearance and learn the principles of decoration, and it is wonderful what they will learn to see and to do. One year of primary life is worth two, five, or six years later, if the subject be dropped till then."

H. M. LEIPZIGER read a paper on "Manual Training in the Public School."

"Manual training or industrial instruction does not mean teaching trades. Trades will have to be taught either in trade schools or technical schools. Manual training from the teacher's standpoint means teaching of things instead of names of things; it means investigation, instead of reporting others' investigations; it means creation instead of mere imitation. It carries with it so many economic advantages that the true teacher who recognizes that he is to prepare his pupil for life, not for examinations, must immediately admit its great value. It satisfies children's desire for activity. A theory too long prevalent among teachers is that rest and stillness is the duty of the pupil."

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"1. There are three principles which every educator should lay to heart. Development and training of the perceptive powers lie at the foundation of all education, and especially in the younger pupils. 2. All methods of training should recognize self-activity and spontaneity. 3. The ultimate end of all education should be to bring men and women into rational and harmonious relations with their surroundings in life.

"These are principles which are parts of an entirely new system of education. The new method of education is as revolutionary as Darwin's works on natural history. We have got to make up our minds that the whole scope of education will soon be transformed. The school must be shaped in accordance with the social organization of the latter part of the nineteenth century.

"Education should begin in the development and training of the perceptive powers. The pupil should be taught to appreciate the universe through the use of his senses. It is through the senses that the kindergarten develops all of the powers of the child. The one great argument for manual training in the primary schools is that it develops perceptive powers. All primary education should recognize the self-activity of the child. The whole current of educational growth for the past two centuries has been in the direction of the methods of manual training and the kindergarten."

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C. W. BARDEEN, of Syracuse, opposed manual training: "No room for it; no basis for it; it was old; if it had been good it would have been adopted before,"

DR. BRADLEY, of Minneapolis, said :

"The introduction of manual training in the schools of that city three years ago has proved a great success. In two and a half years the attendance has increased from 13,000 to 20,000. Three years ago there were 450 pupils in the high schools and now there are 1,200, and more are going to the university."

SUPT. MACALISTER added that "in Philadelphia manual training was introduced into the schools four years ago with the happiest results. More interest is felt by the people; they give more money; have teachers work with greater zeal."

PROF. THOMPSON, of Jersey City, gave an interesting illustration, and PROP. RICKOFF gave testimony of a most convincing kind.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After the close of the discussion the teachers repaired to the Pratt Institute, where a lunch was served, the building inspected, the drawing exhibit examined, the silk worms looked at. It was said that two thousand were fed in the lunch room.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

State Supt. Andrew S. Draper gave an address relating to school work in large cities, and a resume of educational legislation in the state.

PROF. WALTER S. PERRY, of the art department of ratt Institute, read a paper on "Drawing as Related to ablic School Work."

"My first point is that drawing, primarily, is a means of such boards, as there ought to be. After the buildings and appliances are provided, the thing essential to

success in school administration is an intelligent, devoted, and progressive teaching service. The pay of teachers should not depend upon the grade they teach, but upon their competency and length of service. The tenure of a teacher's position should be permanent. The teacher in each grade must be intrusted with full responsibility for his or her work. The tendency of modern school work in great cities is too much toward superficiality at the expense of themselves. The most superficiality at the expense of thoroughness. The most attention should be paid to children in the lowest grades, for the most of them are there. "By the legislation of last winter, more uniformity in

"By the legislation of last winter, more uniformity in the training of teachers will be secured. A new normal school is to be built at Plattsburgh, and a new one opened at Oneonta. The length of the school year has been raised from a minimum of twenty-eight weeks to thirty-two weeks. A teacher cannot be engaged for less than sixteen weeks, by another new law. The act preventing the sale of cigarettes to children under sixteen years is a judicious measure. The most important measure of the year, the compulsory education act, failed to become a law by reason of the lack of the governor's signature. Attendance upon schools by no means keeps pace with the advance of population. The subject of drawing is receiving much attention in the public schools, and it will be introduced into the first uniform teachers' examination in November. In this year Arbor Day has been first observed, and gained much more attention than was expected. Over 45,000 trees were planted."

The report on elections showed the following officer had been elected: President, Walter B. Gunnison, of Brooklyn; Vice-Presidents, A. C. Hill, of Cook Acade my, Mrs. A. G. Benedict, of Clinton, Miss Augusta J Balch, and Elijah A. Howland, of New York; Record ing Secretary, A. W. Morehouse, of Potsdam; Assist ant Secretary, Fred. L. Dewey, of Potsdam; Trans portation Agent, Arthur Cooper; Treasurer, C. N. Cobb, of Oneonta: Executive Committee, H. P. Emerson, and George E. Hardy; Superintendent of Exhibits, John F.

Woodhull.

The new president, Walter B. Gunnison was intro duced. The treasurer reported receipts of \$1,926.55 after paying expenses a balance of \$1,568.46 will be left. It was voted to lay aside \$1,000 for a sinking fund.

After adjournment the association went to the Assembly rooms adjacent where a fine lunch was waiting.

### NOTES

The attendance at the opening was quite large, and nearly all were from out of town. Many long identified with public education in the state were to be seen; S. A. Ellis, A. W. Morehouse, H. C. Kirk, L. C. Foster-Isaac H. Stout, Andrew Macmillan, Supts. Calkins and Jones, Pres. Webster, Prof. Root, Drs. Waterbury and Capen, E. N. Jones. J. W. Milne, C. H. Verrill, H. M. Lovell, J. Barhite, C. T. Barnes, John Kennedy, Dr. The following educators were also pre-W. E. Sheldon, Supt. Dutton, W. N. Barringer, W. M. Giffin, Bacon, of Syracuse, T. J. Donnelly, C. R. Abbott W. A. Welch, E. Waite, A. W. Norton, J. H. Cruik shank. We missed Normal Principals Hoose, Riley, Sheldon, W. J. Milne, Palmer, and McLean; also Love of Jamestown.

The "library" is destined to be a factor in New York state; with Secretary Melvil Dewey at the head some thing is bound to be done. "Old things are passing away." \$50,000 will no longer be given under the plea of "for school libraries," and then spent for crayons thanks to Melvil Dewey. A live man will work out something for the Regents of the University to do with respect to school libraries. So the subject interested the association.

The "Value of Music" was well stated, but it did not arouse the association at all.

Supt. Maxwell read a strong paper; it was the only didactic one presented. It did not please the classical men; and was rather too general for the rest. He is evidently a good thinker but not a practical teacher.

President Cook's responsive address at the mass meet ing took a good many by surprise; it was better than was expected. It was felt at Watkins that the man put in there would have to stand before a big audience this year, and that was the reason he was put forward rather than Prof. Norton who so well deserved the office. It was felt this year that the selection then made was a first class one. The question is now asked is, "What is Cook going to do?" He is a man of large abilities as a manager of men.

The nomination of Principal Gunnison as the next president was a foregone conclusion. Everybody said he deserved it. He had labored early and late to make the association a success. He is a bright, active man about thirty-five years old, was graduated from St. Lawrence University, at Canton. N. Y., in 1875, was then a tutor and afterward a professor in the college,

and then studied law and practiced in Wisconsin. In 1885 he went to Brooklyn and was elected principal of the school where he now is. He is a brother of Dr. Almon Gunnison, pastor of All Soul's Universalist church

Mr. Morehouse has been so popular as secretary that he cannot get out of that place. Arthur Cooper may consider he has a life lease on the office of "Transportation Agent." Prof. Woodhull was selected as "Supt. of Exhibits,"-a good selection. By the way, there are few men who can undertake this office.

There was close attention given to Miss Havens' paper, mainly because she was from Felix Adler's school. the way again, there is no such school as the "Felix Adler School"; it is the "Workingmen's School.") Why is there such an interest in this school? Why is it known from one end of the country to the other? Because it proposes actually to educate, actually to do what has been theorized out in thousands of papers read before the association. This paper opened the real business of the association: it had come to get some better insight into Manual Training, and this Pres. Cook knew, and so put on the program able men to present it.

Prof. Perry took hold of the Drawing problem and showed its educational value most clearly. Then Dr. Leipziger put in some clear statements relative to Manual Training. All this had interested the teachers : but had they not heard at institutes and read in some onesided educational paper that Manual Training was a humbug, and that parsing would be crowded out? Horrors! What! a child go out into the world and not know that "Mary is a proper noun, singular number, feminine gender, nominative case!" So, they said, "Just wait a little, there is a man here who will demolish all that nonser

First, Institute Conductor Isaac H. Stout, came for yard to meet the arguments that had been advanced. He said, "Of the million school children in the state, three-fourths have Manual Training at home in the way of getting a living. The schools ought to furnish a child the instruction it cannot get at home, and, then, if a boy learned to be a carpenter in school he would have to make his living by carpentering afterwards." certainly was not a very complete reply. A lady eacher said to a group around her at the Pratt Institute: "The New York farmers' wives are poor cooks; I have spent three years in France and in Germany, and know that the children of the rural schools of New York need training in cooking, for one thing,'

Then the idea of the object of Manual Training being -carpentering or anything else! That to teach a trade Mr. Stout should misconceive this, at this late day, ems remarkable.

Then Supt. James MacAlister, of Philadelphia, came forward. He is a slender man and was in ill-health, but he did not lack in earnestness nor force. His addres showed him to be a man of the clearest head, of broad educational views. He is entirely out of all "ruts," an out and out "new education" educator. He looks at the child as a member of the great human race, and says simply as an observant spectator of the battle of life: "We must educate and not cram him." If a pin had been dropped it would have been heard while he spoke. Then Mr. C. W. Bardeen started off, and with

applause too for the country teachers opposed to Manual Training wanted him to go in and win. But he couldn't do it. He could only hash up some feeble objections.

One point was that Manual Training was old! He stentatiously showed a book printed in 1815 that told all about sewing! Why, if this was so good had it not been adopted before? Then too it was not possible that the teachers before him, who were so good and had so much brains, had not done just the right thing in teaching them as they had. (More applause, for this was an appeal to their vanity.) But the wise ones did not applaud. Messrs. Clark and Prang, whose works on Manual Training the speaker was introducing to the teachers, probably did not applaud. He said there was "no room for Manual Training." This was his best point. Then Square root would have to come out! This he used, he said, considerably. He sat down knowing he had made a failure, after having quoted W. T. Harris as though he was an authority and after airing his psychological notions

Supt. Thompson, of Jersey City, to meet the "no oom" point, very neatly said if a man works with a sharp saw he will plainly saw a larger amount in the ame time. Manual Training is a wonderful sharpener of the intellect.

Supt. Rickoff gave two neat illustrations, one from Lotography and one drawn from his experience in the Felix Adler school,

Supt. Bradley gave some facts that clinched the nail, He said that Manual Training was renewing an interest in classical study. Of course it will.

The anti-manual training people must have learned comething. Still the old objections of "no room," contrary to psychology," "it is teaching a trade," will be made for ten years. (They still vote for Jackson, it is said, in the wild counties of Pennsylvania.)

The visit to the Pratt Institute was a fitting end of the manual training contest. Mr. Charles Pratt had some money to give for educational purposes. He is a plain man, and wanted no nonsense. He had felt the needs in his own person, like Peter Cooper, of Manual Training, and so founded this real school on broad foundations. There was not a teacher who inspected the building but honored Charles Pratt, who received a pro-fessional lesson in favor of Manual Training.

An exhibit was made at Pratt Institute of school ork from Potsdam, Kingston, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, and Brooklyn. This included drawing, paper folding, and cutting, oil and water coloring, modeling in clay and soap, and wood-work. A perceptible advance was plainly visible, a reaching out into broader lines. There has been much exhibited at former meetings that showed how time could be wasted. This exhibit is most encouraging with all its crudeness; there is honest work here, and work that is well comprehended too. On the floor below was an interesting exhibit of silk. silk cocoons, and silk worms. The reason this is made is that, as entomology is to be studied in the Brooklyn schools, the habits of one insect may be well illustrated by the silk-work. One school keeps silk-worms already.

The "exhibit of school work" was variously commented upon. A large number admired the pictures, but it was the voice of the thinking women that the ewing stood far above them; the designing also attracted much comment. Still our teachers are not yet able to comprehend the full significence of that exhibit, and will not, until they can teach school on the basis of real education.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Barnes entertained the vast throng of teachers at their elegant new house, 114 Pierrepont street, from six to eight o'clock in the evening, with a charming hospitality that will long be remembered; it was a delightful event in the progress of the association. A lunch was spread in the highest style of the art; but the genial and unaffected hospitality of the host and hostess was the feature that will remain when the details of the furnishing, and the food, and the house itself are forgotten.

The address on Wednesday evening by Supt. Draper was excellent, but it was too long. On a hot night, and for wearied teachers, an hour is enough for a speech. Then came resolutions; and then a collation; and then it was midnight.

W. H. PHYFE read in the SCHOOL JOURNAL this question: "What shall I do with a boy that has no interest in school?" It was answered thus: "It would seem that this could hardly be possible unless the school were of the cast-iron kind, that is, a kind of 'mill,' in which the boys are ground; a school that is a school ought to be almost as attractive as a circus.

Mr. Phyfe must have an active imagination, for he oans away thus

"This is about the line of work that some persons who set themselves up as educational reformers would have teachers pursue-make the school-room a play-room, a kindergarten for all ages, give the pupils a circus, ask them to do nothing but what they enjoy doing, regardless of discipline and the fact that to learn anything requires application. Instead of having the school mold the character of the pupil, they would make a specialty of gratifying him.

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Mr. William Mason was ready to extemporize a piece of music if you gave him a word, as "memory" "hope," etc. This man Phyfes off quite a tune, on that word "circus," now doesn't he? He evidently has an active imagination. But we respectfully ask him to read a little line from the Good Book about "imputing evil." He has no ground and no right to impute those things to the SCHOOL JOURNAL and to misrepresent it. Let him rest himself awhile after his effort.

Supt. Draper, in his address in Brooklyn, took particular pains to say that if school-houses could be made handsomer, more attractive, more convenient, it should be done at any cost. That is the key to the educational situation. In Shakespeare's lines the school boys did not want to go to school. They do now. Why? The best teachers make their schools as attractive as they possibly can. But it does not follow that they "ask to do nothing but what they enjoy doing;" on the contrary they are the ones that get the most solid work out of the boys. We might count on the bad mixture of the words in Mr. P.'s sentence; but we cannot spare time on him; he is all wrong.

### OBJECTIVE INSTRUCTION.

FROM A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OF THE OSWEGO NORMAL SCHOOL, NEW YORK.

Since the day when Pestalozzi at the suggestion of the fertile-minded small boy substituted a ladder for the picture of one, objective instruction has held a recognized position in the schools. Like everything else, it has had its evolution, and to-day differs widely from the objective instruction of a few years ago.

The child gains knowledge through the exercise of the senses upon that which appeals to them, i. e. on material objects. This truth was recognized for some time before material objects were studied; but at length the conviction grew in men's minds, and the objects were introduced into the schools, while book-makers and publishers began to "supply a want that had long been felt" in advertising "Object Lessons," "Methods in Objects."

At first but little attention was given to the selection of proper objects for study. A piece of coal one day, a thimble the next, a needle the following day, a chair, a sheep, a kind of grain, earth, air, and water, might follow in rapid succession. Object teaching became the fashion, and for a time held its place from its very novelty. It is needless to say that the results were not what had been anticipated. The teacher grew tired of "cultivating the faculties in their natural order," while the childish attention grew less and less capable of concentration.

Object teaching became a routine, an enumeration of bald characteristics, which was often tedious to the last degree, which tediousness the teacher's futile effort to relieve by deluding the child into the belief that every statement was "a story," and hence necessarily charming, did not alleviate.

This connected observation of isolated objects, while it was of little value as mental discipline, had its use, inasmuch as it turned the attention of teachers from talk about things to things themselves, and awakened them more and more to a realization of the fact that the human mind contains other activities than memory. In consequence of the first crude efforts in the direction of objective study, the purpose of education has assumed a greater significance, while the presentation of knowledge has become a science of itself.

The development of the human mind is not achieved by the observation of material objects alone; indeed it is only begun, and if no connected study be pursued, it is begun badly.

The "object" is invariably a phenomenon resulting from the action and interaction of laws, and the ultimate aim of observation is the discovery of those laws. To this end not one object, but many objects of a class must be analyzed; characteristics similar and dissimilar must be noted, and groupings or classifications on the basis of resemblance must be made. A result of classification is the discovery of laws underlying and determining the conditions of existence.

One result of the power to recognize the force of law is that the student is thereby enabled to foretell or predict results, as well as to read accurately the records of past ages. Certain conditions enabled him to predict the agency of certain laws, or certain laws, being discovered, certain phenomena may be foretold. Also, the student is enabled to go a step beyond this. From being a prophet he becomes a creator. The predominance of certain laws must produce certain phenomena, and with this in view he produces the desired results. The power to create is an indication of the extent to which the education of the student has been carried.

We have thus briefly indicated the purpose of the education to be secured by objective instruction, which includes analysis of individuals, comparison of related objects, a systematic classification of the knowledge gained, and the application of the knowledge of principles gained to the creation of new products.

Something of this purpose is to-day in the mind of every teacher who directs his pupils to the object, as the source of knowledge, and bids them discover the secrets of nature's working, which lie hidden in mineral, plant, and animal, secrets which are only to be discovered through careful, connected observation which develops into the closest investigation.

As a matter of fact, objective instruction implies the observation of the object in every department of study.

The object is of two kinds—material and immaterial, the former possessing qualities which appeal to the mind through the physical senses, through the process of perception, while the immaterial object is a psychical product which appeals to the understanding through the process of apperception.

The material object is mineral, vegetable, or animal. In the study of the mineral, we observe locality, size, form, surface, texture, structure, color, number of parts, relative position of parts, uses, etc., etc. In the plant, in addition to the above characteristics, are to be observed, direction, movement, and growth, together with all the other phenomena of organic life. In the animal are to be found all that has been mentioned, a more highly developed organism, and the new fact of action, together with the varying phases of mentality.

The characteristics of the material object in the three departments mentioned are the foundations for the studies pursued in the schools, viz.; geography, geometry, chemistry, arithmetic, botany, zoology, physiology, together with the subordinate studies growing out of them.

The immaterial object, broadly considered, may be designated soul, in its threefold division of feeling, intellect, and will, which are the sources of philosophy in its various departments of psychology, history, political economy, pedagogy, theology, together with their kindred subjects.

The outcome of all this objective study is language, which is the means of expressing and preserving the thought gained, and which in its turn becomes a subject of study and investigation, furnishing the objects of reading, grammar, rhetoric, literature, etc., etc.

Language pursued as an objective study, may become a means of mental discipline and development, quite as much as botany or zoology; but it must necessarily be much more abstract than these studies, and for this as well as other reasons, should be deferred to a later period in the student's life.

The study of material objects should precede all formal study of language, as the child before he can classify the phenomena of language, and generalize therefrom, must possess a well-stocked vocabulary, as well as facility in construction. This is only to be gained by exercise in expressing thought about realities.

For the development of the child's mind, it is absolutely essential that the senses be exercised upon material objects, and that he make his own discoveries, yet if progress is to be made, if each individual is to go beyond his predecessor, it is necessary that the knowledge gained by others be made use of. For this purpose the study of books must be carried on with the study of objects. Books are of three kinds: they may contain the objects of study as in all language studies, and in history; they may contain supplementary knowledge which may be interpreted in the light of experience gained by actual contact with the reality; or they may contain abstract discussion, which can only be made intelligible to the student through the use of the material object, as a means of illustration and of verification.

The difficulties of objective instruction are to be found in illustrative more than in any other kind of work, and it is doubtful whether, in the superabundance of illustrative material, the original purpose is not sometimes lost sight of, while the attention is turned towards the object which has ceased to be the means, and has become an end. As an example or this, may be mentioned the teaching of number where objects highly specialized in regard to size, form, and color are presented, and where the peculiarities of size, form, and color often occupy the attention to the almost total exclusion of number. Geography may also be mentioned as in danger of being "overdone" through the multiplicity and complexity of illustrative material.

All apparatus in itself striking, is from an educational point of view more or less objectionable.

In this connection we may mention also experiments in chemistry or physics, the brilliance of which remains quite fresh in memory, while the truths they were intended to illustrate have long since disappeared.

In conclusion, while we may congratulate ourselves upon the progress which objective instruction has made, it may not be out of place to add a warning against the abuse of the object, and to recommend an exercise of judgment that will lead to its being subordinated to the purpose for which it is used.

HAS DEBATE ANY VALUE IN HISTORY? None at all, unless the debaters know something. Parrots debate but it is only amusing; so are some school debates. It takes brains to debate, that is, to debate so that any good comes of it. Debating requires the best powers of the mind. Some children debate well, because they have been taught to think. Debating is not disputing. Mules dispute when they kick, so do men when they knock each other down. Knock-down arguments are not convincing, although they are frequently killing.

### AN ARGUMENT FOR THINKERS.

1. SENSATIONS PRECEDE PERCEPTION.

Sensation is a bodily feeling.

A percept is the notion gained by the mind while the senses are acting upon it.

A concept is a picture which the mind contemplates, instead of the thing it represents.

Concepts are kept distinct by the memory. The memory could never have been brought into activity unless by the stimulus of percepts. Before the mind has percepts there can be nothing to excite the capacity of remembering into action.

2. After the memory has been called into exercise through the stimulus of concepts, percepts, and sensations, then commences the process of analysis.

Abstraction is reached by analysis of concepts.

Now the mind commences to build new concepts out of abstract concepts. This is IMAGINATION.

Connecting class concepts with other class concepts produces JUDGMENT.

Inferring properties not revealed by the senses and drawing new conclusions is REASONING.

The foregoing series of mental acts is invariable in their order. It will be noticed that there are no ideas in the mind at first. In other words:

SENSATIONS ARE FIRST.

PERCEPTION follows.

The concept comes next.

Then come the development of MEMORY, ABSTRACTION, IMAGINATION, JUDGMENT, and REASONING. This order is invariable.

In the mind at first there are no concepts; there is no memory, abstraction, imagination, judgment, or reasoning; only capacities, undeveloped, waiting to be called into activity, first by the stimulus of sensations which always precede perception.

The foregoing analysis is so clear and simple that we are quite certain Mr. George P. Brown, of Illinois, will be able to understand its meaning. It is commended to his careful reading, trusting it will fully meet his approbation, and do him good.

### A WONDERFUL AFRICAN RIVER.

The Lomami is a tributary of the Congo. This noble river flows into the Congo about 125 miles below Stanley Falls, and four years ago Grenfell ascended it, steaming almost due south for over 200 miles, passing scores of large native villages on the way. The explora-tion has now been carried a distance of 508 miles from the mouth of the river, which is found to be about a fifth of a mile wide, from 12 to 18 feet deep, and from its upper course Nyangwe, the great Arab market of Central Africa, can be reached by an overland march of 60 miles. This means that when the Congo railroad is beilt, travelers from Europe can journey by steam to within 250 miles of Lake Tanganyika, avoiding by this new waterway the nine cataracts in the Congo between Stanley Falls and Nyangwe. Another significant phase of this new discovery is that it practically proves the identity of this river with the navigable Lomami crossed by Cameron about 150 miles south, and the river is probably navigable for at least 700 miles, and is the third largest tributary of the Congo.

## IS ENGLISH TO BE THE LANGUAGE OF THE WORLD #

For centuries Latin was the language of literature and diplomacy. No reputable prose author considered his work complete unless what he had written had been translated into Ciceronian Latin. It is well known that Lord Bacon despised the English as a provincial and vulgar tongue, and Milton wrote all his prose works in Latin; afterward they were translated into English. All mediæval treaties were drawn up in Latin. Napoleon was the first to overthrow this long established custom. The treaty of Vienna was drawn up in French, and since that time the European powers have used French as the neutral language of international negotiation. From the time of Napoleon to the present, this language has been used in all diplomatic negotiations. But a change has recently taken place. The recent conference at Berlin, relating to the Somoan difficulty, was opened in French, but by a vote of six to three English was substituted in its place. This is the first instance in Europe where a diplomatic conference has been carried on exclusively in the English tongue, and marks the beginning of the end of Latin and French as he diplomatic language of the world,

## THE SCHOOL ROOM.

The object of this department is to disseminate good method by the suggestions of those who practice them in both ungrades and graded schools. The devices here explained are not alway original with the contributors, nor is it necessary they should be.

### THE TEACHING OF ELEMENTARY PHYSIOLOGY.

By G. G. GROFF, M.D., LL.D., Acting President of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

It is the right of every child to be instructed as to the nature and the use of each portion of its body, as also how to care for the body, that the largest measure of good health and physical happiness may be secured. Since sound bodies and healthful minds should succeed this instruction, and since the state needs men and women well equipped in these particulars, instruction in the elements of physiology and hygiene belongs to the public school.

The youngest children can be taught many things concerning the body with profit. Thus the name of each external part of the body, with the use of the same, may be given the youngest children. For children under twelve or thirteen years of age I prefer that this instruction be given orally. The teacher may stand before the class, and, pointing to the shoulder, arm, elbow, forearm, wrist, palm, digits, etc., etc., name each. So of all parts of the body—the parts of the eye, ear, etc., may be given. In review, the teacher may call for the shoulder, arm, forearm, etc., and have the pupils point out the same on their own bodies.

With children under the ages above indicated, the greater portion of the time devoted to this study should be devoted to hygiene. Under this head the teacher should give familiar talks on the care of the eyes, clean liness of person and surroundings, on proper exercise, times and modes of eating, use of narcotics, danger from lying on the cold ground, from wet clothing, and a hundred other matters which will present themselves from day to day to the live teacher.

The text-books used by children should be free from pictures of the interior of the body. These create a morbid curiosity in the minds of young children, and do no good. Much better than any picture, are the objects themselves. An eye from an ox or sheep, a joint, a piece of muscle, of bone, of cartilage, in the hands of the teacher, are of far more value to the pupils than the finest pictures of these parts ever made.

In this subject, the teacher must not fail to give constant and daily reviews. In this way only will these matters be properly impressed upon the minds of the pupils.

The following are the methods which the author has used with success in his classes, viz.:

- 1. By incidental talks to pupils.
- 2. Teacher reads to pupils
- 8. The class read a text-book
- By recitations, { 1. The ordinary oral method.
   The topical recitation.
   The written recitation.

1. The first method I give you is by incidental talks For children under twelve to fourteen years of age, I do not wish any text-book. The teacher may give short talks on hygiene, may name the different parts of the body, locating them, and give such outlines of their structure as may seem proper. Hygiene must be made very prominent in the work. It may sometimes happen that parents will not purchase physiologies, and so there may be no books at all in the school. In this case, also, the instruction must be given, and can be well done, by talks from the teacher. These may be given on opening the school, or just before closing in the evening. It is also a good plan to talk about violations of the laws of health which the teacher sees prevalent, as wet clothing, standing in cold winds, filth, injuries to the eyes, need of exercise, and other matters requiring attention.

2. The teacher may not be able to prepare talks s

see that he understands what is read. The teacher must also explain all difficult passages. Good work can be done by this method, and it is especially commended to

4. Under recitations we offer three methods: First, the ordinary method of studying and orally reciting the text. This is the poorest possible method with any science, and yet is probably the commonest. Teachers should discard it as soon as possible. Whenever lessons are assigned to be committed, the teacher must be care ful to go all over the text, and explain passages liable to be misunderstood, before the class study the lesson.

By the topical method, I think superior work may be

done in the sciences. My plan is as follows: I write on the blackboard, or dictate to the pupils, a list of topics on which they are to prepare a lesson for the morrow. They take this list of topics, and, from every available source, get information on the points assigned. As an illustration, I give an outline which I use in the study of the skeleton. The teacher can modify it as he sees fit.

### THE SKELETON.

- 1. Skeleton defined.
- Kinds of among animals.
- Number of bones; varies; why?
- Composition of; varies.
- 5. Shapes of bones, surface, periosteum.
- 6. Structure of bone | General. Minute.
- 7. Development, completed when?
- 8. Repair of bone.
- 9. Uses of bone.
- 10. Hygiene of the skeleton.
- 11. Some common diseases of skeleton.
- 12. Classification of bones of skeleton.

The following outline for the circulation will require veral lessons to complete :

### THE CIRCULATION,

- Chyle: Source, character, uses. 1. The Fluids Blood: Lymph 66 66 Heart: Position, structure, uses, Arteries Capillaries "
  Veins " 2. The Organs Lymphatics"
  - Heart's contractile power. Muscular action. Aspiration.
- 3. The Forces Arterial and Venous contraction. Capillary attraction.
  Assimilation (and others).
- The Pulmonic Circulation. The Systemic The Portal The Lymphatic 4. The Routes
- In Capillaries of Lungs. In "Body. In "Liver. Changes in Fluids In In In
- 6. Hygiene of Circulation.
- 7. Common Diseases of Circulation.

The advantages of this method are:

- 1. It saves the teacher work. No difference what the arrangement of the text-book, the teacher is not required to memorize this arrangement. Pupils simply master the topics. It is of decided advantage to the pupils to have the topics in a different order from that given in their text-books. Then they cannot commit and recite the text like parrots.
- 2. A second advantage of the method is that it enables one to use a variety of text-books in his class. This makes the recitation more interesting and more valuable. Besides going to different books, pupils will ask parents and other persons for information; and thus far etter results are attained than can be from the use of a sing'e book.

A third method of recutation is the written. Pupils should be very frequently required to write out their recitations. It is of advantage when the teacher is crowded for time, to have one class writing while another is reciting orally. In crowded country schools this method may be extensively used with older pupils.

A SCHOOL that does not teach its pupils to read, speak, a few passages from some good book on physiology, and explain the same to the pupils. In this way he can fulfill the law, when the pupils have no books. In both methods named, the teacher should be careful to question the pupils very frequently on what has been told them in previous exercises. Only by so doing will they be made to remember these matters.

3. If the older pupils have books, a good method of recitation, at least the first time going through the book, is to have the pupils read the lesson, much as a reading lesson. As each pupil reads, he should be questioned to



THE MONTH OF JULY.

### THOMAS CAMPBELL.

JULY 27, 1777.

Thomas Campbell, a popular British poet, was born in Glasgow, July 27, 1777.

He was only thirteen years old when he donned the red gown and went up to the University of Glasgow where he was educated. Even at this age he used to print his own short poems and then sell them at a penny each to his class-fellows, in order to defray the expenses. When Campbell left college, with all the honors of the university, he was too poor to study a profession and he became tutor for a short time in the celebrated Napier family.

"Pleasures of Hope," written at the age of twenty-two, proved to be the poem that has given him world-wide

That spirited poem "Hohenlinden" was written after That spirited poem "Honeninden" was written after he had witnessed a battle between the French and Austrians at Hohenlinden, a village in Bavaria, in the year 1800. Campbell climbed up the walls of the monastery of St. Jacob, and saw the dreadful carnage all around him, a conflagration adding to the horror of the scene.

He died in 1844 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

### ISAAC WATTS.

Isaac Watts, an eminent English divine and sacred poet, vas born at Southampton, England, July 14, 1674. His early education was directed by his father, who was

He was of diminutive size and somewhat deformed in erson, and on account of ill-health was obliged to retire from the active work of the ministry in 1712.

He had a high reputation as a preacher, and was much beloved for his cheerfulness and wit. He is best known to the world by his psalms and hymns. "He was," says Montgomery, "almost the inventor of hymns in our lan-

He died Nov. 25, 1748, and was buried in Bunhill Fields. Monuments have been erected to his memory in Abney Park and Westminster Abbey.

### QUOTATIONS FROM CAMPBELL.

'Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lore, And coming events cast their shadows before. -LOCHIEL'S WARNING.

Cease, every joy, to glimmer on my mind, But leave, oh! leave the light of hope behind!
—PLEASURES OF HOPE.

'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view, And robes the mountain in its azure hue. -PLEASURES OF HOPE.

The combat deepens. On, ye brave, Who rush to glory, or the grave!

Beauty's tears are lovelier than her smile. PLEASURES OF HOPE.

Without our hopes, without our fears, Without the home that plighted love endears, Without the smile from partial beauty won, Oh i what were man !-- a world without a sun -PLEASURES OF HOPE QUOTATIONS FROM WATTS.

In work of labor, or of skill, I would be busy too, For Satan finds some mischief still For idle hands to do.

For idle hands to do.

And he that does one fault at first,
And lies to hide it, makes it two.

-DIVINE SONGS.

"Tis the voice of the sluggard; I heard him complain,
"You have waked me too soon, I must slumber again."
—THE SLUGGARD.

### JULIUS CÆSAR.

This great Roman general was born July 12, 100 B. C. The two most celebrated sayings of his are the following: (1) "The die is cast!" uttered when about to cross the Rubicon. (2) It was concerning his famous victory over Pharnaces, king of Pontus, that he sent his noted letter of three words to the Roman senate: "Veni, vidi, vici." "I came, I saw, I conquered. 'He did not long enjoy his triumph, for the Romans fearing he would convert the republic to a kingdom, assassinated him March 15, 44 B. G. The improved method of computing time, introduced by him, has, with slight modifications, become the standard rule of civilized nations, and his name is immortalized in the month of July, and the phrases "Julian year," "Julian period," etc.

### WILLIAM M. THACKERAY.

This eminent English novelist was born in Calcutta, July 18, 1811. He was first recognized as a literary celebrity, upon the publication of "Vanity Fair," in 1847, after which followed "Pendennis," "Henry Esmond," "The Newcomes" and "The Virginians," which constitute his five greatest novels. He died in Kensington, England, Dec. 24, 1863.

### LANGUAGE LESSONS.

### By WALTER LIVINGSTON.

### EXPRESSION.

There are two mistakes usually made by teachers: (1) not requiring enough expression by writing, (2) requiring that expression to be on subjects of which the pupils have little or no knowledge. The true plan is to select those which the pupils comprehend, and to have them write much concerning them. What shall these subjects be? In my practice I take the school-room work, duties and occurrences; I ask every pupil to write a letter to his father or mother detailing as well as he can facts that he knows all about.

I put on a large sheet of manilla paper the following points to guide the pupil, so that he will state his knowledge methodically:

1. Date. 2. Address. 3. Object. 4. The weather. 5. The morning. 6. The opening exercises. 7. Studies and exercises. 8. The recess. 9. The intermission. 10. The plays. 11. The afternoon recess. 12. The afternoon studies. 13. What I have done. 14. What any pupil specially has done. 15. What the teacher has said specially. 16. The signature. 17. The capitals. 18. The punctuation.

The compositions may be by pencil or pen; with young pupils, one note sheet is enough. The use of capitals properly is one that is only learned by capitalizing—that is, by doing; not by reciting a rule, but by using a rule. I write a short letter on the blackboard and put in amnes of boys and girls, months and days, so that all can see how to use the capitals. The letters are begun soon after school is opened, and as they are written on a pad or tablet they he on the desk and are added to from time to time, and finished just before school closes. Of course they go home with many mistakes in them, but that must be expected; the great thing is to make progress. Ease in expressing knowledge is the great thing to be aimed at; the penmanship, the spelling, and the capitals are only secondary.

The pupils soon learn to correct their own errors in spelling and capitals. To aid them as to capitals, I have another sheet of paper on which I have written:

### Begin with Capitals.

- 1. Every statement; as, He comes to school,
- 2. All names of persons; as, John Smith.
- 3. " " cities, " Albany, Boston.
- 4. " " countries " England, Asia.
- 5. " " days, " Monday, Christmas.
- 6. " " months " March, April.
- 7. " " God " God, Christ.

The last thing to do is to see that they have applied these rules.

Here is a copy of a letter written by a pupil eight years of age :

New York, Jan. 19, 1889

Dear Father— I am going to tell you what I have done, and what I have see

to-day. I came to school with Jennie Marsh; it was raining, but I did not get wet. I was early ten minutes. We played tag. Mattie Pine was not here, so I sat alone all day. We sang the rose tree and another piece. I drew a map. At noon we stayed in most of the time; it rained and snowed. The teacher had two apples and an orange; she gave a piece of orange to 12 girls. She said I had done well to-day.

Your affectionate daughter,
MARY E. BLANE

Such letters may seem very trivial, and the mistakes in capitals and punctuation may seem to reflect on the teacher; for should she not have corrected every one of them? But I say that the great end is being reached when the pupil can sit down and put its knowledge on paper so another person can comprehend it. This is not learned in a day. The first efforts will be crude; they ought to be.

I could easily put in letters from the advanced classes. Some of these are very interesting, and are read to the school to give an idea of what may be done. This daily letter is kept up through all the classes, until readiness in expression and use of capitals is attained. This is not all the composition work that is done in those classes—it is the regular work.

### PICTURES.

### By VERNON L. DAVEY, New Jersey.

The wisdom of using many pictures in our geographies and histories has long been recognized, and the publishers of recent volumes, have vied with each other in the number and beauty of the illustrations. There is, however, good reason to doubt whether teachers obtain from these helps as much assistance as they should.

It is often, if not generally, the case that the pictures are regarded by teachers merely as a means of beautifying the book, and helping it sell, rather than as some thing to be carefully studied by both teachers and pupils, and to be discussed and commented on. There has been an awakening on this subject in many quarters recently, and many progressive teachers have been giving much prominence to instruction by pictures. This has been done by the careful study of the illustrations in text-books, by grouping on large cards pictures illustrative of the occupations, costumes, habitations, animals, or scenery of various countries, by making collections of photographs, as recently suggested in the JOURNAL, or by the use of lantern slides with a solar camera or stereopticon. The last named method is the most expensive, but yields by far the largest returns There are no large schools too poor to own a good solar camera and a hundred lantern slides, the entire expense of the outfit being only about \$75. Additional slides cost fifty cents each.

The oxy-hydrogen lantern is much to be preferred to the solar camera, but the expense is greater. A good solar camera can be obtained for \$25, whereas the lantern and gas cylinders cost \$125. The gas costs not far from \$1 per hour. There is no expense whatever attending the use of the solar camera. Nevertheless, there should be no hesitation in giving the preference to the lantern, where the expense is not too serious an obstacle.

It is not a difficult matter to obtain enough money from an occasional illustrated evening lecture to pay the cost of the gas. Schools near New York can, for one dollar, hire for an evening forty slides to illustrate almost any subject, and both pupils and parents are glad to pay a small fee of admission. Our course for this winter has included illustrated lectures on the Yosemite Valley and Southern California, Japan, Colorado, Ireland and the Scotch Islands, Edinburgh, and England. The lectures have been delivered by various gentlemen who have given their services.

If the teacher is willing to devote a goodly number of venings and Saturdays to the work, he need purchase but few slides, and may thus largely reduce the original outlay. He must become an amateur photographer, and make his own slides. There are now many forms of cameras easily carried on trips, and capable of being quickly used. The teacher having one of these instru ments will not only view the scenery with more observ ing and critical eyes, but will carry home plates, from which he may produce either photographs or lantern slides, capable of yielding pictures 10 or even 20 feet square in his darkened school-room. The writer own 200 slides made in this way, and finds them a most valuable auxiliary in school work. By joining force with one or two others, the expense and labor may be reduced, and all have the use of the pictures, or at least of the negatives, from which the pictures are made.

No one going to Nashville this summer who knows course he cannot express, and so it lies anything of photography, should neglect the opportunional bullets would in the stemmen.

ity to make a large number of negatives of scenes by the way. These pictures thrown on the screen next winter, will give the pupils a more vivid idea of the country than hours of description, and will prove an unfailing source of interest to the people of the community.

### THE SPELLING CLASS.

The teacher should provide all his pupils with employment; "busy work" that requires attention to spelling is one of the best kinds of employment. For example, let the teacher take a sheet of manilla paper, and with a small brush dipped in ink, write as follows on it:

### TEN OF EACH.

1 names of boys, as John.

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" girls, as Mary.

3 " fruits, as plums.

4 " vegetables, as potatoes,

5 " cloth, as cotton.

6 " grains, as corn.
7 " hardware, as nails.

8 " things in this room, as desks.

9 " the street, as horses.

10 " at home, as chairs.

11 " on table at home, as plates.

The teacher must steadily strive for these two attainments by his pupils: knowledge and power, and clearness of expression concerning that knowledge. He must remember that his pupils are gifted with knowing powers; they are also given powers of expression. The first question that comes up is; "What knowledge shall he stimulate them to get, and how direct them as they get it?" Mark, it is not what he himself shall give to them. The next is, "How shall he provide for the expression of the knowledge they get?"

Now, the usual school curriculum marks out geography, history, physiology, botany, physics, etc., as the subjects the pupil is to investigate. Language, numbers, drawing, painting, and construction are the modes of expression. But the teacher often labors away at modes of expression, when the pupil has nothing whatever to express.

1. In numbers, for example, the pupil is set to work with numbers that relate to no actual knowledge he has. He is set to add 45,659, and 57,284, that relate to no knowledge of marbles, balls, potatoes, trees, or anything else in his consciousness.

2. In language he is set to analyzing sentences, and parsing, etc., when he is not conscious that he uses a sentence in his talk. Or he is set to write a composition about something that is out of his thought-range.

The results will necessarily be very meager as they should be. Our usual criticism is that the teacher is not thorough enough.

The teacher is conscious that she fails, but knows that she has taken the usual course; she has had her classes read, write, spell, and cipher, day by day. She has scolded them, kept them in, made them learn their lessons over and over, and yet she is anxious, there is a great lack of something; she is sure it is not of labor and worry on her part.

Now the first thing is to get the child to know something; the next to express that knowledge. The young child comes to school with a vast stock of knowledge, but he can express himself in only one way, that is, by vocal language. He must learn to write as soon as he can, and put the knowledge he has of the cat, the dog, into written language. This is seen to be the right step by all advanced teachers. In a new series of readers on the table before me, script makes its appearance on the first page; it is found in every lesson until the pupil is supposed to have learned to write.

The Grube method takes up the same line of thought respecting numbers. The child takes three blocks and then writes the figures.

The transformation going on in the school arith, metics shows the purpose to be, to make the problems such as come within the child's experience.

(Of course it will be proper when a pupil has come to a stage where he has grasped the concrete, and its representations to employ those representations even though they go beyond his experience—for example, to add millions to millions; but this stage is too frequently anticipated.)

The great fault, the grievous shortcoming, the point of weakness is the lodging or attempting to lodge knowledge that is beyond the pupil's range, that he cannot join with what he has really made his own; this of course he cannot express, and so it lies in his mind as rocks and bullets would in the stormach.

EVENTS, JULY 22-26.

July 22-Anthony Ashley Cooper.

July 23-Charlotte Cushman.

July 24-John G. Holland.

July 25-Henry Knox.

July 26—Robert Fulton.

The above is designed to be put on the blackboard in time to allow the pupils to look up something about each. This may be a general exercise; or, an individual report.

ANTHONY ASHLEY COOPER.—"Here, John," said an English M. P. to his private secretary, "is a constitution for the Carolinas in America; correct it, let me see it, and then send it over at once."

John Locke, the secretary, took it and read it over. He returned it to his master, saying, "Your honor, I fear me much, if you would have our brothers succeed well, this will need recasting."

Cooper flew into a rage and said:

"Young impudence, your idea is wrong; do you suppose that a member of the 'Long,' 'Short,' and 'Barebones,' parliaments, a favorite of the king, a statesman who has seen two or three governments rise and fall, don't know how to write a constitution. Copy it as it is." He was born July 22, 1621.

NOTE.—It might be interesting to know just how this constitution operated. See settlement of Carolinas in U. S. history.

CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN.—It was a great occasion. A large and brilliant audience was in attendance. Charlotte Cushman, the greatest American actress was for the last time on the stage. The great audience was stilled. There arose an old man; the very sight of him caused an immense applause, for he was no less than the venerable poet, Bryant. He advanced, and after a few appropriate sentences, placed upon her head a crown of laurels. The applause was tremendous, for here one whom everybody loved gave a crown of honor to one whom everybody admired. She was born July 23, 1816.

JOHN G. HOLLAND.—A newspaper man sat in a pew in the church. He said to a friend, "For a good many years I neglected church, but I come here every Sunday because I find that soprano singer so pleasing to eye and ear."

- "John, why do you not write a story," said his friend.
- "I believe I shall. Suggest a name.
- "Call it after the young lady."
- "I do not know her name."
- "I never saw her or heard of her, but if I had to name her I should call her 'Catherine.'"
- "That is good, but rather commonplace."
  I shall think of it," said Mr. Holland.

He did think much of it, and "Kathrina," was written. He never sought the acquaintance of the young lady, so he did not write "Sour Grapes," but he did write "Bitter Sweet." He was born July 24,

HENRY KNOX.—"Mrs. Knox," said a Boston man, "our people are fortifying Bunker Hill; I want to go over there; how shall I carry my sword through the line of red coats?" referring to the British soldiers.

"I think I can fix that. I shall go with you through the line."

Mrs. Knox did go with him, but before she started tucked the sword out of sight in the folds of her dress, and safely conducted her husband within hailing distance of the colonial picket. He received his sword and served during the whole war. He fought with this sword in all of Washington's principal battles. He was born July 25, 1750.

ROBERT FULTON.—"What's that," said a longshore man, as he pointed at a strange looking boat going up the Hudson river without sails.

- "Ha, ha! Do you not know what that is?" said his companion.
  - "Indeed I don't."
  - "Why, that's Fulton's folly."
  - "An' what's that?"
- "You see a fellow born in Pennsylvania came over here to show our Jack Tars how to run a boat without sails." This talk was caused by Fulton's first steamboat, the Clermont, making its first trip. He was born July 26, 1765,

### INTERESTING NOTES.

Some women in England make good salaries by manufacturing the dainty silk and lace lamp-shades now so popular. A dealer in London, who glories in the royal patronage, pays one woman \$200 a month for the shades she makes.

It is said that scales for weighing diamonds are brought nearly to that delicacy of balance which would enable dealers to detect flaws in the stones by minute variations in weight. They weigh accurately the 640th part of a carat.

THE heir apparent of Servia is in a pitiable condition. Both his father and mother have deserted him, but the people are thinking it would be wise to permit his mother to see him. His miserable father would not permit his mother to step foot in his domain. They have queer rulers in Europe.

PUBLIC schools are established over the length and breadth of the Japanese Empire-on the larger and lesser islands; middle schools are also established; and finally, the system of grading having been mastered by the educational authorities, a university has been organized. The primary school has paved the way for the middle school; and the middle school in turn has paved the way for the university. When it is borne in mind that the elementary schools make provision for the entire youth of the country, and that education is com-pulsory; that the middle schools are also numerous, and that the range of studies is liberal and large, including the English, French, or German language, arithmetic algebra, geometry, geography, history, physiology zoology, botany, physics, chemistry, political economy writing, drawing, gymnastics, and much else besides and that the Imperial University which has its headquarters at Tokio, but which has numerous branches in different parts of the country, has five professional colleges—law. medicine, engineering, literature, and science—we have really little cause for wonder, that in twenty years, Japan has made such wonderful, onward strides, and that she has accomplished so glorious and o peaceful a revolution.

THE Plymouth monument is very nearly or quite completed. There are two statues, "Freedom," and "Law." The former is fifteen and a half feet high, and represents a young man of muscular frame seated. A Reman helmet is on his head; he wears a coat of mail, and a lion skin is thrown over one shoulder. Resting on the right arm is a short sword, and in the left hand are links of a broken chain, of which part is held fast beneath the left foot. "Law" is also a huge, seated figure. It is covered with a mantle and the left hand grasps a book.

THE Leland Stanford, Jr., University is located at Palo Alto, twenty miles south of San Francisco, Cal. The buildings have already been begun; they consist of a two-story structure of stone around a court of 700 by 285 feet. Messrs. L. M. Clement and R. M. Clement, his son, are on an inspection tour among us in behalf of the university, to gain information respecting manual training, for this is to be founded on that basis. It is supposed that Senator Stanford will give the university not less than ten millions of dollars. It is a memorial of his son who died in Italy. It will not be opened for two years.

Professor Richards, of Yale College, has made a study of the records of 2,425 students in order to determine, if possible, the relation of athletics in Yale to scholarship. The general result is that the athletes fall slightly behind the non-athletes in scholarship, but not so much as to demand a suppression of such exercises. In some branches of athletic exercises the students who engage in the sports are above the average of the non-athletes in scholarship. For the slight difference noted between the two great classes, there may be greater strength and endurance, or physical development, compensating for the loss of scholarship.

EXCESSIVE gum chewing paralyzed the muscles of an Indiana woman's face so completely that she was compelled to send for a physician before she could open her mouth. We have known several instances where it has rendered pupils utterly unable to recite their lessons, yet no doctor was called. The physical efforts of the teacher soon put matters all right.

On the recommendation of Mr. W. H. Smith, the Queen has granted a pension of £100 a year to the wife of the late Professor Proctor.

### THE TIMES.

MINISTER TO HAYTI.—President Harrison has appointed Frederick Douglas to be minister, resident, and consulgeneral of the United States at Hayti. Who is Mr. Douglas? Give the leading facts of his history.

Kansas City's Prairie Dogs.—Kansas City can boast of one thing that probably no other city in the Union has. In Pendleton avenue, near Garfield, there is a prairie dog town with 300 or 400 burrows, and this is more remarkable from the fact that the unique settlement is within two blocks of the most fashionable residence portion of the city. What are the habits of these animals? Tell about the rapid growth of Kansas City.

THE DEMAND FOR TIN CANS.—A company, composed principally of Englishmen, has been formed on the Pacific coast to develop the California tin mines and make tin plates. This new industry is the result of the great demand for canned fruit, vegetables, and salmon. In what other parts of the world is tin found? What advantages are derived from putting up food in cans?

RUSSIA SECURES A PORT IN COREA.—Russia has secured an exclusive port for herself on the coast of Corea. Deer Island is the point she is said to have acquired as a coaling and naval station, and a Russian man-of-war now controls all landings and departures there. How will Russia profit by having a port there? What do you know of the manners and customs of the Coreans?

MR. PHELPS MINISTER TO GERMANY.—William Walter Phelps, of New Jersey, has been appointed minister to Germany. What are the duties of a foreign minister? What other noted men have held this office? Sketch Mr. Phelps' career.

PORTUGAL OFFENDS ENGLAND.—The Portugese government has withdrawn the consent it had given England to build a railroad at Delagoa bay. The British consul has asked that a man-of-war be sent there to protect the interests of British subjects. It is reported that Germany is backing Portugal in an endeavor to counteract British influence in Africa. How does Portugal rank among European powers? What European nations have interests in Africa?

A RED MAN TRIED BY AN INDIAN JURY.—The first trial on record of an Indian, by a jury of red persons, has just taken place at Red Lake Falls, Minn. On June 24, an Indian named Big Bird, while out hunting, shot and killed another Indian. Big Bird and his friends claimed it was an accident. The matter was reported to Major B. P. Schuler, the government's agent in charge of the reservation. A jury of six Indians was empaneled, the agent presiding as judge. After listening closely to the testimony, the jury decided that there was sufficient evidence to hold Big Bird for the United States grand jury. What are a coroner's duties? A grand jury's? How are trial jurors usually selected?

A FIGHT WITH INDIANS.—The sheriff of Missoula county, Mont., while in search for three Indian murderers, had a fight with the Indians? What wars has the United States had with Indians? Where are some of the reservations?

HOMEOPATHISTS IN MINNESOTA.—The forty-third National Institute of Homeopathy, met at Minnetonka. About 400 of the representative homeopathists of the United States were present, as well as delegates from England and the continent. What schools of medicine are there? Mention some noted physicians.

STANLEY'S SUFFERINGS.—Mail advices from Africa confirm previous accounts of Stanley's sufferings. It is said that his hair has turned snow white, that his clothes are in rags, and for want of shoes he has to cover his feet with skins. What was the purpose of Stanley's expedition? What are some of the difficulties he has encountered?

THEN AND Now.—One hundred years ago there was not a savings bank in France; now the deposits in such institutions amount to \$500,000,000. The gross value of personal property then was \$60,000,000; now it is \$1,600,000,000. Land was then worth \$40 an acre; now it is worth \$435. The wages of agricultural laborers have increased from thirteen cents to fifty cents a day. The United States is not the only country that has made progress in one hundred years. What noted Frenchman fought in our Revolutionary war? What influence did Jefferson's ideas have on the French?

THE CONGO BAILROAD.—The prime minister of Belgium has presented a bill in parliament for the issue of bonds amounting to \$2,000,000 for the Congo railway. The Congo is navigable for steamboats both above and below the falls. This road will connect the two portions of the river, and thus greatly facilitate travel and commerce in the interior of the Dark Continent. Civilization will follow closely after the locomotive. The railroad as a factor in progress surpasses even the wildest dreams of a half century ago.

### PERSONALS.

SUPERINTENDENT BAKER, of Trinidad, Col., is arou sing enthu in school work. Bonds were recently voted for a fine new school building there.

PROF. JOHN D. STEPHEN, instructor in oratory and elec-PROF. JOHN D. STEPHEN, instructor in oratory and elecution in the Western University and theological seminaries of Allegheny, Pa., has recently come to New York City. He comes highly recommended, and the Pratt Institute, of Brooklyn, is very fortunate in having secured his services for a course of practical lectures. Applications from schools or individuals, who may wish to communicate with him, may be addressed in care of

REV. N. B. REMICK, Troy, N. Y., recently preached a sermon, which has attracted attention, from the text, "And there was a man which had a withered hand." The subject was, Manual

yaining and Industrial Schools.

MBS. EVA D. KELLOGG, well known as an education has been elected principal of the training school for teachers, to be opened in September at Sioux City, Iowa.

PROF. T. S. HEATON has been elected principal of the ne Fresno (Cal.) high school, with Miss Frances Dean as first assistan

PROF. F. J. CHENEY, principal of Kingston Academy, recently received the degree of Ph.D. from the Syracuse University. The work required to obtain this degree has been done by Prof. Cheney in addition to his duties at Kingston Academy, and we ulate him on his su

W. A. Baldwin, school commissioner for Oswego county, N. Y., will open a summer school at Fulton, first two weeks in August. We have always recommended these summer schools.

Ex-School Commissioner WILLIAM LUMMIS has presented to the New York City board a large and valuable collection of educational works, which he wishes to become the basis of an educa-tional hibrary for the use of teachers and the public schools. When a member of the board, Mr. Lummis secured the adoption of a by-law providing for the establishment of such a library in the new building the board expects to build uptown in a few years. The books of Mr. Lummis' gift number several hundred volumes, and comprise educational works and educational statis-tics of Boston, Philadelphia, and the leading cities of this country. also the results and records of British and Continental education

### EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

The Harvey County Normal Institute, Kansas, will be held at Newton, beginning August 5, and continuing four weeks. It is

conducted by William Wheeler.

The Maryland and Delaware State Teachers' Association is being held at Pen Mur, Md., a full account of which will appear in

### COMMENCEMENTS.

June 19 Princeton College held her one hundred and fortysecond commencement. President Benj. Harrison was ma LL.D.; seventy-eight graduates; \$250,000 has been received equests during the year.

Rutgers College graduated twenty-six; it was her one hu

and nineteenth commencement; \$200,000 has been donated. Brown University held her one hundred and twenty-first co

Tufts her thirty-second commencement: twenty-two graduate

Smith College graduated fifty young ladies.

Jersey City high school graduated forty-seven.

At Madison University (Oneida county, N. Y.) the corner sto

of Colgate Library Building was laid. Cost, \$150,000.
Cornell has received \$300,000 from Mr. Herry W. Sage for allibrary. This makes his gifts in all one million dollars.

The closing exercises of Trinity Chapel school, New York City, took place on June 20. An interesting program was carried out.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### WORK IN CALIFORNIA.

To the Editors of THE SCHOOL JOURNAL:

At the last session of the state board of education, there were 48 educational, and 34 life diplomas granted. At the same meeting the diplomas of two Siskiyou teachers were revoked on account of the teachers' refusal to attend county institute. It is now stated, officially, that the new state normal school at Chico, will open in September next. The first class will probably reach 100 students. One new book, Language Lessons, has been added to the California state series of text-books; it will be sold by the state at 25 cents, and furnished to dealers at 35 cents

San Francisco has just audited bills to the amount of \$4,486.50 for taking the school census of that city. Among the bills presented was one of \$40 for a Chinese interpre-ter. Hoodlum boys did considerable damage recently to the Fairmount and Union school buildings, San Francisco, by entering secretly and demolishing desks, windows, etc. Bids are being received for the rebuilding of the Oakland high school. It will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. C. H. Street of Berkeley, has offered \$25,000 toward the erection of a Presbyterian college at Inverness. Hon. J. McM. Shafter has offered to donate 100 acres of land

as a site for the proposed institution.

The senior class the Berkeley high school held its gradu. ating exercises on June 14. Diplomas were granted to seven students. The graduating and middle classes were tendered a reception, June 15, by Miss A. C. Edmonds, tendered a reception, June 15, by Miss A. C. Edmonds, of force to require them to send their children to school. teacher of history and mathematics, at her home in San It is true that in some cases the little pittance that a child

Francisco. It is now thought that the new school law will not be ready for distribution before July.

There are twenty-one high schools in the st Freeno City. T S PRICE

### HELP WANTED

To the Editors of THE SCHOOL JOHNNAL:

Could you offer any helpful advice or suggestions to one who earnestly desires to become a good teacher. Good, in every sense of the word, but whose knowledge of the best methods is limited. Could you find time to give a brief talk to "technical" teachers, not technical from lack of energy to search out the best methods, but from lack of experience? Could you recommend any books which would assist in reaching the desired end?

AN EARNEST STUDENT OF THE JOURNAL.

DOES KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS MAKE MEN GOOD

You ask: "Does knowledge of facts make men good? I would ask what is good? If you wanted a good physician would you consider him good in that line if he had no knowledge of the subject? If you wished a lawyer would you employ one who possessed no fact of law? If you wanted instruction in theology would you consider him good in that line if he had no knowledge of theology If you wanted a good chemist, would you think him such who knew no facts in chemistry? A person by nature might be very bad, a fiend incarnate if you please, and would in consequence do evil continually, having no knowledge of consequences.

Give him much knowledge that he might see the folly of his acts, and he would change his course in some things at least, and be a better man,-at any rate a better citizen and this is what our schools are stirving to make.

Were he infinitely wise he would do no wrong. was certainly correct in his estimate of knowledge. The more a man knows,—all other things being equal,—the better man he will be. Anything in this world but a fool. Ignorance is a dangerous plaything. The herculean efforts made to educate people shows the bent of the general mind on this subject. Would you think your son or daughter a better man or women by permitting either to grow up in ignorance?

The ignorant are ready to go astray at any moment, the

vise seldom.

Springfield, Mo. SUPT. J. FAIRBANKS.

### DOES THE SUN MOVE?

In reply to the question recently asked in our columns Does the sun move?" a correspondent says:
"Of course with reference to the earth and other planets,

the sun may be said to be at rest. The sun, with his mag rificent retinue of planets, and their attendant satellites with a host of other smaller bodies, is moving bodily through space, and we are now approaching the constella-tion of Hercules at the rate of about 20,000 miles an hour."

### A SUPERINTENDENT.

The five most prominent things a superintendent should observe while visiting a school, I will summarize as follows:

I. Order and discipline of the school. 2. Classification of the pupils. 3. The scholarship of the pupils. 4. The methods of instruction. 5. The results of the school work. Harmony, Me. WM. McLAUGHLIN, M. D.

KINGDOMS.—Will you please give a few hints in regard to the three natural kingdoms, as to how we can always tell to which kingdom all objects in nature belong, for instance, earth, air, and water, bricks, the shell of certain fish, and objects that we meet with in every-day life.

A "few hints" would be of but little value in finding

the boundary line between the so-called kingdoms, Dr. Theodore Gill, in article "Biology" in Johnson's Cyclopedia speaks of the impossibility or great difficulty in discriminating the lowest plants and animals." Any newspaper reply, in popular style, would be unsatisfac N. B. W.

KINDERGARTEN WORK.—Please give a clearly defined statement of what you consider kindergarten work to consist of Also, where I can purchase some good treatise on kindergarten plans and methods.

SUBSCRIBER.

Kindergarten work means especially Frœbel's system but in general it comprises all the methods of leading young pupils to use their hards, eyes, and other senses in getting information. It is education by doing. The es sential method of Frœbel's system is working in the line of the child's desires. Skill in carrying out his method consists in arranging work so that everything done teaches the pupil some important lesson. It would be well for "Subscriber" to select some book, among those advertised by E. L. Kellogg & Co., and study its fundamental principles.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW.—Give in your columns your opinion on the passage of a compulsory school law by the federal covernment, requiring children to attend school.

Halifax, Mo. W. SATTERWHITE.

A compulsory school law is a necessity. If parents valued education as they ought, there would be no need If parents

earns is quite an element in supplying the necessaries of life; but it is far more necessary that children should have trained minds than that they should assist even in keeping their parents, or themselves, out of the poor-house.

TEACHERS' WORK.—I understand that in some cities each teacher is expected to accomplish during the year a certain amount of work that has been mapped out for her. I should like to know to what extent this system prevails, and in what large cities it is used.

Port Hurm, Mich.

In almost all large cities each teacher is expected to do a certain expected.

certain amount of work during a certain time. The graded school system, as it now exists, is somewhat tyrannical in its requirements; it lays down certain work for a certain term, and usually the exact amount of work is

EXPLANATION WANTED.—In a recent number of the JOHNAL, you say under "A Few Definitions." "A multiplier is a number to be united." I find many other excellent things in the paper, but you neglect to make clear why times should be dropped in multiplication. Would you eliminate times from the multiplication table?

Perrysville, Ind.

GEO. W. DEALAND.

It is not wrong to use the word "times," but it is un-eccessary. It is better to say 4 4's are 16. We would eliminate the word "times" from the multiplication table, because it seems to us to convey no valuable thought, and would lead children to repeat the multiplication table in the following form; 48's are 32; 49's are 36; 410's are 40,

PYRIGHT.—Will you inform me how to obtain a copyon newspaper articles?

Send two copies of the printed title and date of each article to the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C., together with \$1 fee.

HUMIDITY.—What is meant by "atmosphere" and "humidity"? Does "84 per cent, of humidity" mean that the sir is composed of 84 per cent, of water, or that it contains 84 per cent, of the water it is capable of containing?

I. H. H.

The atmosphere is the gaseous envelope that surrounds

the earth; it consists of oxygen, nitrogen, and carbonic acid, together with a very variable quantity of watery vapor. When more than 80 per cent. of watery vapor is present, the atmosphere is saturated. The 84 per cent. of humidity, or wateriness, is, therefore, 84 per cent. of what the atmosphere can carry; that is, it is 84 per cent. of a

AT-TLE.-What is the proper pronunciation of the SEE-AT-TLE.—What is the proper pronunciation of the name Seattle?

1. Was New York ever the capital of the United States? 2. When was Washington made the capital? 3. Must one be a citizen to hold property? 4. Must a boy who comes to this country when 10 years old, obtain naturalization papers? 5. Need a woman be naturalized?

JOHN.

1. Yes; from 1785 to 1790. 2. Washington became the capital in 1800. 3. Yes, generally speaking. Special acts have been passed to allow aliens to hold property. 4. If he wants to become a citizen, and if his father hasn't been naturalized. 5. No; but naturalization permits a woman to hold property, etc.

Why is the Chinaman so careful of his queue or pagtail? My pupils have asked me this, and I cannot answer them very well.

Salt Lake City.

J. P. C.

It appears that in 1648, the Manchu-Tartars conquered China; this is the dynasty now on the throne. The Tartars had begun the conquest as early as 1627, and as fast as they succeeded, they forced the conquered to adopt this style of dressing the hair on pain of losing the head. course of time, this badge of conquest became a custom. In Japan, old stone tablets are found in temples, saying that they were set up by refugees from China, who would not stay in a country where this badge of servitude must

### ARTICLES INTERESTING TO TEACHERS IN RECENT MAGAZINES.

American Life, The Scholar in.-July Forum. An Apostolic College,—July Cath. World. Books and How to Use Them.—July Cath. World. Discipline in American Colleges.—July N. A. Rev.

Beglish Language.—July Quéver.

Education of the Future.—June Murray's.

Higher Education, The Problem of Discipline in.—July Atlantic
Industrial Education for the Negro: is it a Cruze?—July Con-

tury.
anual Training, The Psychology of.—June Education.

Mind, The Health of.—June Longmans Muscle and Mind.—July P. S. Month.

Negro Intellect.—July N. A. Rev.
Our Elementary Schools.—June West. Rev.
Old Haileybury College.—June Chamber's Jou

Poor Whites of the Southern States.—June Macmillan's.
State Examinations, The Advantages of.—June Education.
School-houses, Some Practical Suggestions Regarding.—June

lent Life at Michigan University.-June Con

Student Life at Michigan University.—June Common.

Three new College Presidents.—(July 4) Christian Advocate.

The South and the School Problem.—July Harper's.

The Catholic University and Its Constitutions.—July Cath. World.

Theological Seminaries, Are they in Danger of Over-training?—

Does the hot weather make you weak and tired? Hood's Sarsa parilla will give you strength.

### BOOK DEPARTMENT.

### NEW BOOKS

THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATION. A Hand-Book Based Upon M. Gustave Ducondray's "Histoire Sommaire de la Civilisation." Edited by Rev. J. Verschoyle. A. M. With Illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1889.

maire de la Civilisation." Edited by Rev. J. Verschoyle. A. M. With Illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1889.

No subject is more full of interest and profit than the history of human life on this earth. Without man here, there would be nothing of value, but with man in it, the world has incalculable value. All modern Europen history comes directly from the civilization of Greece and Rome—Greece the embodiment of individual thought, and Rome the result of corporate action. The author in this work, goes back of Greek culture, to the Bronze, the Stone, and Iron ages, to show how the very beginnings influenced Egypt and the earliest of Oriental nations. Here he shows the general progress of civilization from the very first and the divisions of history. He then examines minutely the advancement of the Babylonians, Assyrians, Jews, Phemicians, Aryans, Hindoos, and Persians. This fills the first hundred pages of the work. He then treats most fully of Greek civilization, including religion, polities, literature, art, and the diffusion of its genius. The Roman world follows next: first, of course, the republic, and then its conquests and transformation into the empire, its conquests, literature, and art. He shows the causes of its greatness. It is plain to be seen that such a work as this cannot but be intensely interesting. We are too much busied about to-day to stop and consider the causes that have made other nations great, and other causes that have wought their ruin. Modern civilization is proud of its glory, and is continually saying exto perpetua. It shall not be so. Nations have their times of rise, maturity, and decay, just as the ancient Sequoia. They may flourish a thousand years, but the day of their death is as certain as time to come. Nothing can hinder the coming of the day of a nation's death. The only question is, How long can it manage to live? This is a vital question with us, and so to the thoughtful student this book will have remarkable interest. Written for the

EMERSON IN CONCORD. A Memoir. Written for the "Social Circle" in Concord, Massachusetts. By Edward Waldo Emerson. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. The Riverside Press, Cambridge. 266 pp.

Mifflin & Co. The Riverside Press, Cambridge. 266 pp. \$1.75.

Emerson will never die; just as Socrates, Plato, and Milton will live on eternally. All that pertains to our American philosopher will continue to have added interest as the years pass on; and just as all that pertains to Socrates is carefully gathered as the precious gold nuggets of the ages. It has been the practice of the Social Circle to preserve in its book as true a picture as may be of the life of each of its departed members. So it was that the task of writing the life of Ralph Waldo fell to his son Edward Waldo. Mr. Cabot has written the story of his life for the world, and now this son writes for the chronicles of his village club the story as it comes to his mind. But though he writes for neighbors and near friends, he includes among his interested readers many who never saw him. Here is a book that the world will want more and more to read as the years come and go. It cannot be classed at all as ephemeral. On the cars, by the fireside, in the chamber of sickness, and under the high arching canopy of Heaven, this volume will be opened and read. The sea will all unconsciously roar in the ears of thousands by the seaside, whose eyes and minds will be intent on this book. For Emerson has a charm that is closely related to the quiet hour in the home or under the trees in summer time. The book is written in an easy style, that carries no weariness with it. It is not exactly light or gossipy, but rather of the light historical and biographical order. It is without pretense or fussiness, or adulation, for which we are glad. It tells the truth in a plain, interesting, truthful way, and so is all the more acceptable to those who would be pained at stiltedness in a book describing so plain a man as Ralph Waldo Emerson was.

A MANUAL OF HISTORICAL LITERATURE. For the Use of Students, General Readers, and Collectors of Books. By Charles Kendall Adams, LL.D., Professor of History, and President of Cornell University. Third Edition. Revised and Enlarged. New York: Harper & Bros.

Revised and Enlarged. New York: Harper & Bros. 1889.

This is the most reliable account of the important histories in English, French, and German in print. In addition to the full titles of books the author gives numerous practical suggestions as to methods and courses of historical study. For many years Dr. Adams has been pursuing his chosen work with a devotion that reminds us of some of the most eminent foreign students. We have had so few such men that it is to us, as Americans, a special pride that at last, we have a few who can be called scholars—not superficial scratchers, but deep and thorough plowers. It required great knowledge, and much greater judgment, to prepare such a book as this. It is no mean task to pass judgment, worth anything, upon a book. The "book reviewer," paid so much a line, is not expected to be very learned, but here is a book judger and appraiser. He looks over the whole field, in four countries, and takes account of material, giving a definite value to each piece of work. Here is labor, here is work, and it is well done. No historical student, who pretends to have any character at all, can afford not to own and carefully consult this work. It will be as indispensable to him as his dictionary. But it must not be thought that this volume is written in the dry-as-dust style, for it is not. On the contrary, it is as full of juice as a luscious orange. Not only are its comments wise, but they are witty as well. Dr. Adams' method of disposing of a poor book is full of tact, for he manages to tell the truth without a flavor of acidity. This is a rare quality in a critic. Then Dr. Adams' method of disposing of a poor book is full of tact, for he manages to tell the more useful because they come from large experience as a teacher and a student. He has been over the ground and knows how to grade the young so as to avoid wasting valuable time.

BACON'S ESSAYS. Edited with Introduction and Notes.

Bacon's Essays. Edited with Introduction and Notes. By F. G. Selby, M. A. London: Macmillan & Co., and New York. 300 pp. 90 cents. This volume of "Bacon's Essays," edited by a teacher well prepared by experience to decide upon the subject, is

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The total number of schools was 301, the whole number of pupils taught 306,897, and the average attendance 156,359. Steps are being taken to improve the sanitary condition of the buildings as regards plumbing and ventilation. The normal college had 1,772 students, 192 more than the previous year. The instructors in the department of pedagogies did excellent work under the direction of the president. During the year 1888, \$16,000 was found sufficient to cover the cost of manual training, but \$25,000 has been allowed for 1880. The reports of the principals of the schools in which manual training has been tried, and the expressed opinions and judgments of many who have visited these schools, speak in most favorable terms of this new departure in the educational system. The board asked for and obtained \$15,000 to carry on the free lectures for workingmen and workingwomen during the ensuing year. A special committee was appointed in July to take into consideration the whole system of examinations, marking, visitation, and superintendence, and to report thereon to the board. Supt. Jasper thus summarizes his remarks on moral education, and superintendence, and to report thereon to the board. Supt. Jasper thus summarizes his remarks on moral education, and superintendence, and to report thereon to the board. Supt. Jasper thus summarizes his remarks on moral education, and superintendence, and to report thereon to the board. Supt. Jasper thus summarizes his remarks on moral education, and superintendence, and to report thereon to the board. Supt. Jasper thus summarizes his remarks on moral education, and superintendence, and to report thereon to the board. Supt. Jasper thus summarizes his remarks on moral education, and the training in morals and manners:

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Somerville, Mass., 1888. C. E. Meleney, superintendent. The special committee which was sent to inspect the industrial exhibition in Philadelphia, submitted a report; in it was stated that manual training as a means of developing the expressive powers and giving the child executive ability, could be applied in many of the branches of ordinary school work, notably formstudy, number, drawing, geography, elementary science, etc. The committee also speak highly of the work done at the Hebrew Technical Institute, New York. A drawing teacher was employed, and the drawing course placed on an improved basis. Two sewing teachers were engaged, and the results thus far are most satisfactory.

Annual Report of the Schools of Madison, Wisconsin, 1888 W. H. Beach, superintendent.

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### LITERARY NOTES.

GINN & Co. have just published "Fractions:" A Teacher's Manual of Objective and Oral Work, by Helen F. Page; also "Pages Choises des Memoires du Duc de Saint Simon," edited by Alphonse N. Van Daell.

D. C. HEATH & Co. have brought out a very timely publication in the "Old South" leaflet on the French revolution.

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### CATALOGUES AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

Catalogue of the Searcy College, 1888-9. W. H. Tharp, presi-

Proceedings of the State Teachers' Association of Mississippi, at its annual meeting, held in Jackson, Miss., December 28, 29, 1888. J. A. Rainwater, president.

Announcement of the Ashtabula County Christy School of Methods and Teachers' Institute held at Jefferson, July 9, 1889. Charles Hayward, president.

The Berkeley Institute, Brooklyn: Catalogue for 1889-90. Miss C. E. Hayner, principal.

### MAGAZINES.

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The July number of the Book Buyer has a frontispiece portrait of Maud Howe, daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, —Mr. Gladstone has an article in the Nineteenth Century, for July entitled "Plain Speaking on the Irish Union." The same number has an interesting article on "Peasant Proprietors in Russia." —Public speakers and singers will find much of value in Sim Morell Mackenzie's remarks in the July Contemporary Review, on "Stimulants and the Voice." —The July number of Black-wood's contains a production by Oscar Wilde on the subject of Shakespeare's Sonnets. Mr. Wide puts forward an entirely new theory as to the identity of the mysterious Mr. W. H. of the famous prefines. —The Andover Review for July has from A. Taylor Innes, Esq., of Edinburgh, Scotland, a full account of the remarkable movement in favor of creed revision which has received so great an impulse from the action of the Presbyterian Assemblies at their recent sessions in Edinburgh.

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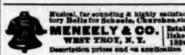
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